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The PRINCIPLES of a REAL WHIG.

[*Concluded from our laſt.*]

HE farther ſuch an army advanced into the country, the ſtronger and more reſolved it would find us; as Hanibal did the Romans, when he encamped under the walls of Rome, even after ſuch a defeat as that at Cannæ. And why? becauſe they were all trained ſoldiers, they were all freemen that fought for the preſervation of their liberty; and ſcorned to truſt to the valour and aſſiſtance of mercenaries and ſlaves, though ever ſo able-bodied: They thought weapons became not the hands of thoſe who had nothing to loſe, and upon

upon that account were unfit defenders of their maſters properties; ſo that they never tried the experiment but in the utmoſt extremity and danger.

That this is not only practicable but eaſy, the modern example of the Swiſſers and Swedes is an undeniable indication. Engliſhmen have as much courage, as great ſtrength of body, and capacity of mind, as any people in the univerſe: and if our late monarchs had the enervating their free ſubjects in view, that they might give a reputation to mercenaries, who depended only on the prince for pay, I know no reaſon why their example ſhould be followed in the days of liberty, when there is no ſuch proſpect. The preſervation of the game is but a very ſlender pretence for omitting it. I hope no wiſe man will put a hare or a partridge in balance with the ſafety and liberties of Engliſhmen; though after all, it is well known to ſportſmen, that dogs, ſnares, nets, and ſuch ſilent methods as are daily put in practice, deſtroy the game ten times more than ſhooting with guns.

The militia, upon the footing it now ſtands, will be of little uſe to us: it is generally compoſed of ſervants, and thoſe not always of the ſame, conſequently not well trained; rather ſuch as wink with both eyes at their firing their muſquets, and ſcarce know how to keep them clean, or charge them aright.

It conſiſts of people whoſe reputation, eſpecially the officers, has been induſtriouſly diminiſhed, and their perſons, as well as their employment, rendered contemptible, on purpoſe to enhance the value of thoſe that ſerve for pay; inſomuch that few gentlemen of quality will now ſtoop ſo low as to accept of the command of a company or a regiment in the militia.

A right Whig thinks no prince fit to govern, whoſe principle it muſt be to ruin the conſtitution, as ſoon as he can acquire unjuſt power to do ſo. He judges if nonſenſe for one to be the head of a charch, or defender of a faith, who thinks himſelf bound in duty to overthrow it.

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He cannot ſatisfy himſelf with any of the fooliſh diſtinctions trumped up of late years, to reconcile baſe intereſt with a ſhow of religion; but deals upon the ſquare, and plainly owns to the world, that he is not influenced by any particular ſpleen: but that the exerciſe of an arbitrary illegal power in the nation, ſo as to undermine the conſtitution, would incapacitate either a King James, King William, or any other, from being his king, whenever the public has a power to hinder it.

Laſtly, the ſupporting of parliamentary credit, promoting of all public buildings and highways, the making all rivers navigable that are capable of it, employing the poor, ſuppreſſing idlers, reſtraining monopolies upon trade, maintaining the liberty of the preſs, the juſt paying and encouraging of all in the public ſervice, eſpecially that beſt and moſt uſeful of all people, the ſeamen, are all articles of my Whiggiſh belief, and I hope none of them are heterodox. And if all theſe together amount to a republican or commonwealthſman, I ſhall never be aſhamed of the name, though given with a deſign of fixing a reproach upon me, and ſuch as think as I do.

*** *As we think it our Duty to inſert whatever may tend to ſerve the Cauſe of Liberty, we truſt our Readers will not be diſpleaſed with the Peruſal of the following circular Letter and Reſolutions from the London Aſſociation.*

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FROM THE
LONDON ASSOCIATION.

LONDON,

THE preſent awful and calamitous ſituation of Great Britain and its colonies, cannot but alarm and grieve every true friend ro Liberty and his Country, who conſiders the ruinous conſequences, inevitable to the moſt eſſential intereſts of this nation, its commerce and freedom, in the alienarion, perhaps the total loſs of America.

While the preſent arbitrary miniſters have, in ſo many inſtances, openly violated, and endeavoured to ſubvert our excellent conſtitution, recognized and eſtabliſhed at the late glorious revolution, and the conſequent acceſſion of the illuſtrious houſe of Brunſwick to the throne of theſe realms---many ſincere friends to Liberty, conformable to ancient uſage, have aſſociated, in ſupport and maintenance of the principles confirmed at thoſe two great and important periods, and to defeat the deſigns of men, who ſeem determined to deſtroy all their excellent effects.

This Aſſociation, formed for the honor of the King, the preſervation of religion, the reviva of trade, the glory and happineſs of the whole empire, we truſt will meet with your approbation; and that you will uſe your beſt endeavours to promote this great and neceſſary work, by recommending and inſtituting aſſociations on the ſame excellent principles in your county and neighbourhood.

And as nothing can more contribute to our good deſigns, than mutual fidelity, unanimity, and reſolution, togetner with a reciprocal communication between us, we have, for this purpoſe, appointed a COMMITTEE of CORRESPONDENCE; who will pay due attention to ſuch intelligence of your progreſs, in this buſineſs, as you ſhall think proper to tranſmit.

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RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LONDON ASSOCIATION.

GLOBE TAVERN, *Fleet Street, Aug.* 25.

RESOLVED, That this Aſſociation, duly ſenſible of the many bleſſings we enjoy from the Revolution and Acceſſioo, to which, under God, we owe the free conſtitution of our country, will uſe our beſt and moſt unwearied endeavours to extend and tranſmit to poſterity their excellent principles and conſequences; and that we will embrace every opportunity to evince our zeal, affection, and fidelity, to his preſent Majeſty KING GEORGE EHE THIRD, and his ROYAL FAMILY, for whoſe honor and ſafety whilſt we manifeſt the higheſt regard, we hold the trueſt concern for the freedom, peace, and welfare of the whole Britiſh empiret convinced that under a prince of the Houſe of Brunſwick we only CAN be free, and at the ſame time reſolutely determined, that under a prince of the Houſe of Brunſwick we WILL BE FREE.

RRSOLVED, that the preſent high price of the neceſſaries of life, the decay of trade, and conſequent diſtreſſes of the induſtrious poor, thoſe moſt uſeful members of the ſtate, demand our beſt conſideration, that PEACE may no longer be the parent of poverty and miſery, inſtead of the ſource of riches and happineſs.

RESOLVED, That as it is declared by the BILL OF RIGHS, (Art. V.) that it is the RIGHT of the SUBJECT to petition, we will uſe our beſt endeavours to bring to the juſtice of their country, thoſe men who have prevented the cries of the nation from being heard by his Majeſty, and conſequently their miſeries and complaints from being redreſſed.

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RESOLVED, That if any deſcendants of thoſe illuſtrious noblemen, who by their undaunted and zealous endeavours, brought about and eſtabliſhed the GLORIOUS REVOLUTION, and effected the ACCESSION, ſhall determine to join this Aſſociation, for the great purpoſes of CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOM and NATIONAL HAPPINESS, we will pay due regard to their RANK and BIRTH, though we ſhall always keep their zeal for the PUBLIC CAUSE, and their uniform ſupport of the principles and proceedings of their gallant and patriotic anceſtors FOREMOST in our view, our gratitude, and reſpect.

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